**ALA Core Metadata and Collections Section Subject Analysis Committee**

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**Library of Congress Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division Report**

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This document covers selected initiatives undertaken at the Library of Congress since the SAC January 2024 virtual meeting. A fuller report for the Library of Congress is available at the [LC Update for ALA](https://www.loc.gov/librarians/american-library-association/annual/lc-update/).

*Staffing Changes in Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division*

* **Sarah Kostelecky** (Program Specialist; 3-year position; leading [project](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/Evaluation-Headings-Indigenous-Peoples.pdf) to evaluate and revise subject headings for Indigenous peoples)
* **Alaina Economus** (Junior Fellow; 2-month position; assisting on project to evaluate and revise classification and subject access for Slavic materials)

*Controlled vocabularies and Classification*

**LCSH**

* The now-quarterly Subject Editorial meetings are open to those who are interested; guidelines are in development and will be published on the [ABA home page](https://www.loc.gov/aba/).
* With the hiring of Sarah Kostelecky, LC has commenced the planning for the project to evaluate existing subject headings for Indigenous peoples of North America.
* Interim guidelines were developed and published in July 2023 to guide proposals for ethnic groups. These guidelines remain in place until the Program specialist can review and update them.
* The change of policy for family name NARs as subject access points has now been implemented. Updated documentation has been published in the *Subject Headings Manual*: [H 1631](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeSHM/H1631.pdf) (Genealogy and Family Names) and [H 1631.5](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeSHM/H1631_5.pdf) (Family Names: Headings and References). Note that this split the previous H 1631 into two separate documents. The application of the headings in bibliographic records is in H 1631; the creation of subject authority records is in H1631.5.
* PTCP, based on recommendations from the Music Division, implemented a change of practice to allow all headings for forms of music, regardless of whether or not they mention a medium of performance, to use the free-floating subdivisions in Subject Headings Manual H 1160 (Musical Compositions) List 1.
* Recent special lists that have been processed: **Deaf** and **Hard of hearing people**; removal of $v Fiction subfields in UFs; **Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder**-related headings; **Mughal Empire** headings impacted by change of NAR.
* Future projects on our 2024 list include: **Multiracial people** to replace **Racially mixed people**; and **Berbers** to **Amazigh**.
* A current iterative project is addressing the Religion/Religions/Cults headings. Currently the Afro-Brazilian and Afro-Caribbean cults headings are in the process of being changed. A previous list addressed the scope notes for **Religion** and **Religions**.
* Heidy Berthoud, as SACO lead, is developing a project process to better handle the special lists.
* PTCP is working on a project plan for LC catalogers to experiment with this change from form subdivisions to LCGFT implementation in order to learn more about its potential issues and benefits. An important aspect of this work is training for LCGFT. Internal self-paced training for LC catalogers was released in May and use of LCGFT is now encouraged. Training for external audiences is planned for the future.

**LCC**

* The project to revise classification schedules for the Former Soviet republics and related history section impacts continues with a current focus on the Kyivan Rus.
* The project to relocate and expand the classification of comics by other regions or countries from PN6790.A-Z to PN6800+ and to create a special topics number for comics at PN6715.A-Z continues with the development of documentation and related subject proposals.
* Caption clean-up related various subject heading changes is in process for: Slaves to Enslaved persons, Mormons to Latter Day Saints; Gays to Gay people; Aliens to Noncitizens; and Deaf to Deaf people. These changes to captions must be evaluated in order to decide which ones need proposals related to potential change of Cutter.

**LCGFT**

* 28 proposals for changed or new headings were approved.
* New instruction sheet on Cartographic Materials published in February: [J 215](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCGFT/J215.pdf).
* Internal training developed for LC catalogers and released May 2024.
* The April list started the process of developing genre/form terms for dance.

**LCDGT**

* A special list was created to change the approach for headings related to family members related to a demographic group. Instead, the pattern will be to use post-coordination with a combination of **Family member of [demographic group]** and **[Type of family member]**.
* LCDGT also received a large number of proposals to add non-Latin script variants to certain ethnic and national headings. These proposals have been placed on hold as we organize a workflow through which language experts in the LC cataloging divisions can evaluate them.
* LC is moving toward implementation of age-range categories for juvenile materials using LCDGT in the 385 field.

**LCMPT**

* Four proposals were approved for LCMPT.

*General Cataloging*

**MARC**

* Update 38 of the [MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data](https://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/) has been published.

**Descriptive Cataloging Manual**

* Full DCM Z1: <https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/dcmz1.pdf>
* Quarterly DCM update packages: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeDCM/freedcm.html>
* Descriptive Cataloging Manual, Z1 section, [Jan. 2024 update](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeDCM/DCM_2024-01.pdf):
* 008/11, 008/15, 667 fields: Revised to indicate family names are now valid for LCSH
* 022 (ISSN): added instruction to continue using $l and $m pending future implementation of field 023
* 376 (Family Information): added instruction not to use $d
* Updated documentation to reflect change of practice to allow 053 fields to be used in name authority records to record LC Classification numbers for juvenile literary authors (PZ) who write in English. See:
* Classification and Shelflisting Manual: [F 632](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCSM/F632.pdf) (Literary Authors) and [F 615](https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeCSM/F615.pdf) (Juvenile Materials)

**Classification Web Plus**

* No changes have occurred in the system.

**ISSN**

* ISSN Uplink, the online portal for publishers, CONSER libraries, and others to apply for ISSNs is being rebuilt for greater processing efficiency.  A short gap in availability will be announced pending implementation of ISSN Uplink 2.0.
* The center is continuing to support two international cooperative music-bibliographical [projects endorsed by the Music Library Association](https://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/page/rprojects). With U.S. titles completed, the center will soon work on international titles in cooperation with other ISSN centers.  Another round of assigning ISSNs to newspapers belonging to the National Newspaper Association in anticipation of future legislation that may use ISSN for eligibility has begun.
* MARC Field 023 to accommodate Cluster ISSNs was approved by the MARC Advisory Committee in June 2023. Implementation to accommodate ISSN-L (the linking ISSN) and ISSN-H (the history ISSN) has been delayed but will take place later this year. Implementation involves deprecating 022 $l and $m (linking ISSN and cancelled linking ISSN respectively) and using a separate 023 field for each Cluster ISSN.

**Romanization tables**

* The Odia and Sindhi tables were updated in spring 2024.
* MARC discussion paper [2024-DP11](https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2024/2024-dp11.html) submitted re: recording transliteration standards in data provenance subfields.

**BIBFRAME**

* The Library of Congress BIBFRAME Update Forum will be held on Monday, July 1 ([Zoom link](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1609108267?pwd=ZTRQSUJkZ2ZMN2cvNXpUNDhaK2NIUT09__;!!EDx7F7x-0XSOB8YS_BQ!cZVfpFheMtVqetExvf-YgS7MQBe2d_UkWhOkLR6qbJJmuAk-10T_qI8MLEU9jd348kzSeFONB6D2phgQp6GW$)) and will feature a presentation from Tiziana Possemato (Casalini Libri, @Cult) on “Fostering BIBFRAME collaboration: interoperability and data curation with the Share Family.” Paul Frank and Matt Miller from the Library will discuss and demonstrate Scriptshifter – the data transliteration tool that is incorporated into the Library’s BIBFRAME editor, Marva.
* The Network Development and MARC Standards Office has released v2.6 of the [MARC-to-BIBFRAME](https://github.com/lcnetdev/marc2bibframe2) and [BIBFRAME-to-MARC](https://github.com/lcnetdev/bibframe2marc) conversion tools.

**Library Collections Access Platform (LCAP)**

* Phased implementation of new Folio-based system expected to begin Fall 2024
* Intend to start with acquisitions module, with other modules to follow
* BIBFRAME implementation expected to begin Spring 2025
* Phased implementation of new practices for non-Latin script input for bibliographic descriptions in LCAP/BIBFRAME expected to begin Spring 2025; will place greater emphasis on original scripts, less emphasis on romanization:
* [Announcement](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/romanization/Announcement-Non-Latin-Script-04-15-24.pdf)
* [Recommendations](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/romanization/Recommendations-NonLatin-BF-FOLIO.pdf)
* [Policy Issues](https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/romanization/Policy-Issues-NonLatin-BF-FOLIO.pdf)

*Descriptive Cataloging*

**RDA and related Documentation**

Implementation and Timeline:

* LC/PCC implementation: Rolling implementation from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2027
* New [PCC Introductory RDA Training](https://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/rda/index.html) issued (Phase 1)
* Free training modules with slides and exercises; 11 free webinars now posted at the [Cataloger’s Learning Workshop](https://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/rda/PCC-Introductory-RDA-Training-Webinars/index.html)
* Intended to allow catalogers to identify key changes introduced during the 3R Project, use the RDA Toolkit, and understand new concepts and terminology
* Phase 2 training will focus on RDA in practice for monographs
* PCC RDA Communication Committee [feedback form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSXHgduC1TnjXS7ERb0ggGyaIr3Z5xVeqUWyQ2fzEHioQR_w/viewform) (may use to submit questions and propose revisions)

LC-PCC Policy Statements (published in Official RDA Toolkit):

* Reminder: Do not use yet; further revisions expected; may use error report form to report problems with grammar, punctuation, spelling, bad links
* Analysis of the policy statements based on the report of the PCC RDA Test Task Group is mostly finished. The first changes happened in the January 2024 RDA Toolkit update. The March 2024 update included major revisions to the PSs for Manifestation and the beginnings of revisions to the policy statements for the relationship elements. Further updates will happen as the MGDs are revised. This includes links to the developing string encoding scheme MGDs and the revised relationship labels MGD.

LC-PCC [Metadata Guidance Documents](https://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/mgd/):

* Analysis of the MGDs based on the report of the PCC RDA Test Task Group is completed.
* Updates are in process and each MGD is uploaded as it is updated. The update history at the bottom of each MGD will indicate the date of the most recent update and a summary statement of the changes.
* MGDs related to string encoding schemes (i.e. use of punctuation, normalization, etc.) are in development to replace legacy data currently in Community Resources of RDA Toolkit. The majority of these are mostly done and awaiting final processing. Once they are uploaded and added, policy statements will be added to link to them.